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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WILD, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELOO & CAMPHILL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDER & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALES, Manila, C. HENDERSON & Co. Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLIOR, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDER, Esq. J. T. COOPER, Esq. S. W. FOSBERY, Esq. H. HOFFMANN, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq.

ACT. CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, .. THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, .. EWEAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

MONDAY,

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of "Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to Commence at Nine o'clock.

Tickets may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fe20

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Firm is THIS DAY DISSOLVED by consent. The Firm in Liquidation will be signed by Mr. J. A. FRANKS in Japan, by Mr. E. G. LOW in Shanghai, and by Mr. T. G. LINDSEY in Hongkong, or by any one of the Partners.

HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe11

NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last. Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 18th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-

WM. CRUIKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. J. F. CORDES' Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mol

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VISCONTI DO CERVAL in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876.

A. A. DE MELLO & Co.

Macao, January 1, 1877. fe5

I HAVE this day Established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

O. KEES.

Canton, January 8, 1877. fe9

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MAXWELL & HUISE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at SWATOW and HOIHOW, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HERTON, EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON.

Swatow-Hoihow, January 1, 1877. fe19

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Annual General MEETING of MEMBERS of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be Held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 12th February, 1877, at 3 p.m.

By Order, N. B. DENNIS, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe11

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th December, 1876.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe15

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th day of February current (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe15

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, to 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877. mc2

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY List for 1877 is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection; Notice of any inaccuracies, Omissions, Objections, etc., must be given to the Acting Registrar on or before TUESDAY, the Thirtieth day of February, 1877, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

F. S. HUFFAM, Acting Registrar.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877. fe14

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap6]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fe16

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Office of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRATA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs Russell & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mc1

NOTICE.

THE Office of the IMPERIAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE has This Day been REMOVED to FREDERICK'S HILL.

By Order, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877. fe12

NOTICE.

THE Office of the IMPERIAL GERMAN CONSULATE has This Day been REMOVED to FREDERICK'S HILL.

By Order, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877. fe12

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE SECOND CONCERT of the Season (VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL) will take place on THURSDAY EVENING, the 8th Proximo. Full Particulars will be announced.

Hongkong, January 31, 1877.

AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 3rd February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 34, Hollywood Road,—

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: English Rosewood Red Rep Covered Drawing-room Suit, Dining and Bed-room Suits, Pier Glasses, Brussels Carpets, Curtains, Chandeliers, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Glass and Plated-ware, Vases, Clocks, and One Piano.

Catalogues will be issued. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 22, 1877. fe3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY,

the 6th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, No. 8, Queen's Road,—

A Collection of Chinese and Japanese CURIOS, comprising: Lacquered Ware, Enamelled Vases, Cups, Bowls and Jars, Porcelain Ware, Ornaments, a Variety of Bronzes, Socchow Lacquered Ware, &c., &c., &c.

And, A large Iron BELL.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 30, 1877. fe6

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. TREBAUD, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 6th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe5

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SAIGON.

The Steamship "GUNGA," Captain A. GAKURAT, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 6th February, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON, No. 57, Praya.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877. fe5

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain BURNIA, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 6th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. fe6

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship "GALLEY OF LORE," due shortly from London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Barque "ANTIOCH," THOMAS MERRILL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. fe8

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Clipper Barque "UNANIMA," CAIN, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and meet with early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. fe5

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "CRYLON," KELLY, Master, will load here and at Whampoa for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 18, 1877. fe18

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Ship "SUMATRA," Captain CLOUGH, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fe19

FOR LONDON.

(If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1. 1 Russian Ship "VANADIS," WERLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, Sugar or Measurement, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "OUTWATER," CREELMAN, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT.)

(If sufficient Inducement offers.) The 3/3 L. 1. 1 German Bark "HANSA," DRECKEN, Master, will load here, and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY," KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong,

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,
WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,
38, Queen's Road,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHRONOMETERS,
&c., &c., &c.,
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately
rated under guarantee.
All Repairs in the above line done at
reasonable rates and with despatch.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.
The British Steamer
"BENARTY,"
will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 3rd Inst.,
at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"MENZALES,"
Comdt. PASQUALINI, will be
despatched for YOKOHAMA
shortly after the arrival of the next French
Mail.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TIGRE,"
Comdt. BUNYER, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Galley of Lorne*, having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods are being
landed at their risk by the Undersigned
into their Godowns, whence and or from
the Wharf or Barge delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to
Yokohama unless notice to the contrary is
given by 5 p.m. To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the
5th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHIESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly Meeting of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Offices of the Company, Club Chambers,
on MONDAY, 10th February, 1877, at
3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1876,
the Report of the Directors, and for the
election of Directors and Auditors.
By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the
19th Instant, both days included.
By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

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By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions from Messrs HAZARD & Co., to
sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 12th February, 1877, at 2 p.m., at
their Office, Queen's Road,
The whole of their OFFICE FURNI-
TURE, &c., comprising: Desks, Chairs,
Tables, Clocks, Letter Press, Inkstands,
Stationery, &c., &c.
Legal and other Books.
A Collection of Charts.
One Milner's Patent Fire Resisting
Safe. Measuring about 4 ft. 10 in. by
3 ft. 11 in. by 3 ft. 10 in.
One Large Copying Press.
One Platform Scale.

And,
One 6-cared House-boat, with Awning,
Oars, Iron Davits, Falls, &c.
Catalogues will be issued, and the
whole to be on view on the day of Sale.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for
the AMERICAN STEAMSHIP ASSOCIA-
TION.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 14, Gough Street.
Apply to
J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

MACAO HOTEL,
PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

A First-Class House elegantly furnished and
replete with every comfort.

WINES, SPIRITS AND Eatables of THE
BEST QUALITY ONLY SUPPLIED.

CUISINE RECHERCHE.

Stables and Coach-houses provided for
private Horses and Carriages.

Sedan Chairs belonging to the Hotel at
Visitors' call.

CHARGES MODERATE.

J. P. DE CAMPOS,
Proprietor.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES.

ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS AND
CALCUTTA.

ON THURSDAY, the 8th February,
1877, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. *Commodore FOACHE*, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the above
places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 7th February, 1877. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.
—Melchers & Co.

BRIDGETOWN, British barque, Captain
E. W. Orip.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

CEYLON, American bark, Capt. E. Kelly.

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Baker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEREMIAH GIBSON, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford.—Arnhold, Karberg
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.
Wesenberg.—Siemssen & Co.

ALDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain
S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.

TRYAVRIA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Goldes.—Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 1, *Forward*, British barque, 760,
J. W. Vandervord, Sydney (N.S.W.) Dec.
21, Coal.—ROZARIO & Co.
Feb. 2, *Men-tau*, British steamer, 1888,
R. Scale, Shanghai Jan. 27, and Poonchow
St. General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Feb. 2, *Teking King*, Chinese R. Co., 180,
Bessard, from a Cruise.
Feb. 2, *Madagascar*, German steamer,
684, Timm, Bangkok Jan. 28, Rice.—
SIEMSEN & Co.
Feb. 2, *Galley of Lorne*, British steamer,
1308, McDonald, London Dec. 7, Gibraltar
28, and Singapore Jan. 28, General.—
JARDINE, MATHIESON & Co.
Feb. 2, *Balgownie*, British barque, 324,
J. Brown, Swatow Feb. 1, Sugar.—OASIS

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 2, *Antioch*, for San Francisco.
2, *Aphington*, for Whampoa.
2, *Friedrich*, for Taiwanfooi.
2, *Olympia*, for Swatow.
2, *Brama*, for Haiphong.
2, *Ningpo*, for Canton.

—OASIS,
None.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per *Galley of Lorne*, from London, Messrs
Brown, Rowe, Borelalde, and Skidmore;
from Singapore, 108 Chinese.
Per *Men-tau*, from Shanghai, &c., 11
Chinese.
Per *Madagascar*, from Bangkok, 11
Chinese.
Per *Balgownie*, from Swatow, 6 Chinese.
DEPARTURES.
Per *Olympia*, for Swatow, 1 European,
and 26 Chinese.
Per *Brama*, for Haiphong, 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Forward* reports:
Since making Bashi Island on the 27th
ultimo, had moderate N.E. winds and foggy
weather on the 28th and 29th, and since
then strong breeze from the West. Had
light winds from the South of Formosa.
The British steamer *Men-tau* reports:
Experienced moderate monsoon.
The British steamer *Galley of Lorne* re-
ports: First part, strong westerly and
S.W. gales; second part, winds made the
same, with heavy sea, ship labouring
heavily, and taking a great deal of water
over all; latter part, weather cloudy and
hazy, smooth sea and variable winds.
The British barque *Balgownie* reports:
Moderate monsoon with thick foggy weather
throughout 24 hours.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA.—

Per *BENARTY*, at 8.30 p.m. To-
morrow, the 3rd inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—

Per *DOUGLAS*, at 5 p.m., on Monday,
the 5th inst.

For SWATOW & AMOY.—

Per *LEONOR*, postponed till further
notice.

MAILS BY THE FRANKLIN PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *AYA*,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 8th February, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Madeira,
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallo,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bom-
bay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mail:—

Wednesday, February 7.—

6 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the Night Box,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, February 8.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom,
Saigon, or Singapore may be posted
on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

General Memoranda.

Monday, February 5:—

Noon.—*Bemeralda* leaves for Manila.

8 p.m.—*Gunga* leaves for Saigon.

Register of Shares of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed
from this date to 15th instant, in-
clusive.

Transfer Books of the Hongkong and
Whampoa Dock Company, Limited,
closed from this date to 10th instant,
inclusive.

Tuesday, February 6:—

Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Swatow,
Amoy and Foochow.

2 p.m.—Sale of Curios, &c., at Mr J.
M. Armstrong's Sale Room.

Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insur-
ance Co., Limited, closed from this
date to 20th February, inclusive.

Wednesday, February 7:—

Goods per *Zambesi* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

Thursday, February 8:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.

Goods per *Benarty* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

Evening.—H. K. Choral Society's Con-
cert at the City Hall.

Friday, February 9:—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lano, Crawford & Co.

Goods per *Galley of Lorne* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

Saturday, February 10:—

Glenroy leaves for London on or about this
date.

Monday, February 12:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Office Furniture, &c., at
Messrs Lano & Co.'s Office, Queen's
Road.

8 p.m.—Meeting of H. K. General Cham-
ber of Commerce, at the City Hall.

Thursday, February 15:—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration at City Hall.

5 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yok-
ohama and San Francisco.

Friday, February 16:—

2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at
No. 88, Queen's Road.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insur-
ance Co., Limited, closed from this date to
2nd March, inclusive.

Monday, February 19:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,
Limited, at Club Chambers.

8 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Per-
formance at the City Hall.

Tuesday, February 20:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,
at No. 7, Queen's Road.

Thursday, March 1:—

9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
General leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

Friday, March 2:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the
Head Office, Hongkong.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—*Benarty* leaves for Yokohama
and Hio-go.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
No. 34, Hollywood Road.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of The China Fire Insur-
ance Co., Limited, closed from this date
to 16th February, inclusive.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 2, 1877.

CONTINUING our resumé of the Blue Book
containing "Further Correspondence
relating to the complaints of the mercan-
tile community in Hongkong against the
action of certain revenue cruisers in the
neighbourhood of the Colony," presented
to Parliament on the 8th August last,
we have to deal to-day with some im-
portant despatches from Sir Brooke
Robertson, the Colonial Office, and the
Government here, with respect to the
duties levied by the Chinese at the
"blockade" stations round Hongkong.

Sir Brooke Robertson, it is evident from
these despatches, has constituted himself
the Hoppo's "special pleader." Not
that we altogether blame Sir Brooke
on this account. As Her Majesty's
Consul at Canton it is perhaps his
duty, in discussions of this kind, to put
the Hoppo's case forward in the way in
which it is regarded by that high func-
tionary himself. Sir Brooke, however,
has identified himself far too closely with
the views he advocates, and has apparent-
ly adopted as his own, in some cases,
arguments which can neither be regarded
as creditable to his intelligence nor to the
responsible position he holds. It must
be quite refreshing to residents here to
see how thoroughly and promptly the
special views he advances are disposed of
in turn by Earl Carnarvon, Sir Arthur
Kennedy, and the unofficial members of
the Legislative Council. Sir Brooke
seems to have intentionally or uninten-
tionally raised the question, about which
we have heard very little hitherto, whether
all the duties admittedly levied by the
Viceroy on the trade of Hongkong are
legitimate in their nature. It seems
that goods carried in Chinese junks
between Chinese ports pay an export
duty at the port of departure, and an
import duty at the port of arrival.
These duties are called *nei ti shui*,
and are lower than the Foreign
Tariff duties charged under article
XXIV. of the Treaty of Tientsin on
goods exported or imported by British
merchants at the Treaty ports. Sir
Brooke Robertson states that by the
Chinese regulations "produce exported
from any port in the four lower prefec-
tures of the province for a foreign port
is subject to the levy of the *nei ti shui*
at the port of shipment, and before being
taken to its destination must be brought
to Canton, where, besides paying a local
tax called the *siao hao*, it has to pay ex-
port duty according to the Foreign Tariff."
This, Lord Carnarvon points out, is the
first time that the existence of any such
regulation has been mentioned in the
correspondence, and so far as his Lord-
ship has been able to learn, it has
hitherto been unknown to the Hongkong
Government, and is repudiated altogether
by the Chinese traders in the Colony.
They are willing to pay the native
export duty, but to the Foreign Tariff
they most strongly object. The despatch
proceeds:—

That the Foreign Tariff imposed by the
Treaty of Tientsin has reference only to
the trade carried on with China at the
Treaty ports by British subjects appears to
Lord Carnarvon to be indicated by the
terms of Article XXIV. of the Treaty and
by the Rules and Regulations agreed to
by the Earl of Elgin and Kinnaird in
pursuance of Articles XXVI. and XXVIII.

It may be urged that the Chinese Gov-<

which belonged to the traders who chartered his boat. He did not know where his boat was now, it having been seized and taken away by some Chinese whom he believed to be Chinese soldiers belonging to the Customs Station. They did not say anything to him, as he had escaped into the Lighthouse at Cape D'Aguilar. This was on the 26th instant about 3 p.m. The men had uniforms on and looked like soldiers. He had given the particulars of the seizure to the marine magistrate, to whom he complained the next day about 10 a.m. This was the first voyage he had made to Hongkong after the purchase of this boat. About the 8th October or last November he had seen his boat at Chinese K. Wong. It was at anchor and lying alongside the wharf there. There was no one in charge of her, nor was there anybody on board of her. His boat was seized, he believed, for smuggling opium. He bought the junk for \$40, was an old boat, and it cost him \$20 more to repair her. The opium on board did not belong to him but to the traders who chartered his junk.

The Magistrate called upon the defendant to find security in \$100 to answer any charge within one month.

A CONFIRMED DRUNKARD.

John MacLean, a seaman unemployed, was brought up for being drunk in the street, and chasing pedestrians. The Constable No. 534, told him to go away quietly, but he refused and became more disorderly. The Constable thereupon blew his whistle, which brought the assistance of P. O. Yar Mohamed. The defendant resisted violently and tore the latter's coat. The defendant was proved to have been convicted no less than five times during the latter part of the last year and the beginning of this, and the Magistrate sent him to 14 days' hard labour. He was also to give amends in 50 cents for damage done, in default to be further imprisoned for two days.

TOWERS AGAIN.

Leong Ahing, a runner to a Chinese boarding house, was brought up for having gone on board the steamer *Melanie* as she arrived from Foochow, before she was moored. Fined \$5.

A YOUNG OFFENDER.

Tung Ayee, a boy 16 years of age, was brought up for stealing from a servant's jacket which was placed in a basket. He was sent to 21 days' hard labour, and to be twice whipped five strokes each time on the back.

SUSPICIOUS.

Lai Ayow, a coolie, was found by P. O. No. 15, Haine, with having in his possession a bulky article, supposed to have been stolen. The Constable saw a gang of coolies disembarking from a boat from a steamer which had been discharging cargo during the night. The defendant had something about the size of a man's head under his arm, and when the constable accosted him, he threw it into the water. It sank at once, and up to the present, nothing had been known as to what it was. The defendant was remanded till the 5th instant.

LARGE DEMAND FOR MARTINI-MENRY RIFLES.

(Singapore.)

There are certain officials employed in the Vice-regal Yamen at Nanking, who owe their rank to the services rendered to the state by their respective fathers during the P'ai-ping rebellion. Hitherto they have been subjected to a monthly examination receiving the reward of their prowess in money; and at the close of each year, those who are hard up have been in the habit of getting pecuniary assistance in addition. Since the accession of the Viceroy Shen, however, the archery competitions have been dispensed with in favour of rifle shooting at an iron target, at a distance of two hundred paces. The competitors are divided into five squads, under the superintendence of five civil mandarins. When all the bullets hit the target it is called *Tsuen-hung* (completely red, i.e., the red flag is waved in every instance); and then the *Tsuen-hung* men (or champions) compete among themselves, their names being recorded in the order of their success. The man whose name stands first is entitled to receive Governmental preferment; the remainder get prizes of money. During the last half-year the competitors have attained great accuracy in their shooting. In the present month, when, according to custom the prizes are always distributed, the Viceroy commanded a general rifle competition, in order to divide the money properly among those who stood at the top of the list, and those who were at the bottom. The most successful candidate receives two hundred taels, so everybody is anxious to make the highest score, and achieve the greatest progress. The competitors, therefore, all show a preference for Martini-Henry breech-loaders, which each man purchases for himself. These rifles are perfectly unerring in their aim (i.e., fire a hundred times, they hit the target a hundred times). The unsuccessful candidates (those who have not attained the *Tsuen-hung*) have been using old fashioned rifles and native galleys; these weapons are very heavy, the bullets never hit the barrels, and it takes a deal of pulling to make the hammer fall, so that when the gun is fired it starts on one side and the mark is missed. In the Martini-Henry, the gunpowder and igniting-apparatus are all contained in the bullet itself, which is placed in the rifle at the breech; so that it is ejected through the barrel in a perfectly straight line and is carried a long way, while it is impossible for it to miss the target. Now that the competitions have been on foot for a long time, the competitors have convinced themselves of the superiority of the Martini-Henry rifles, and have come in large numbers to buy them in Shanghai. Thus these rifles have acquired a great reputation. China is now adopting foreign institutions, and has used foreign rifles and artillery for a long time past. When the Chinese first began to practise with them, perhaps they made many mistakes; in making purchases, perhaps they often bought very bad material; and when they did get really good guns, the men had no idea how to take care of them. They were as good as thrown away; a great pity, indeed. But we are now learning to improve, and acquiring proficiency in practice. Military matters are looking up, and the soldiers are becoming smart and active. Indeed, the Viceroy is doing a great deal to better the condition of the soldiery, though there is a good deal still to be accomplished besides reforms in gunnery.

CHINA AND KASHGAR.
The *Globe* says:—Yakob Beg, the ambitious Khoja, chief who wrested Kashgar from the Chinese, appears to be in difficulties. A *Times* telegram from Berlin affirms that his troops have been attacked and defeated by the Celestials, and that he has appealed to the Russian Commander at Tashkent for assistance. We greatly question the truth of the latter statement. In the first place, Yakob Beg hates the Russians with all his heart, and they return the compliment sincerely enough. Secondly, he is perfectly aware that the most friendly relations exist between the Courts of St. Petersburg and Peking. Both are equally hostile to the Mohammedan adventurer, who has carved out a kingdom for himself between the confines of the two Empires. And both would very much like to see the fall of the ambitious and able man who has made himself a sort of rallying point for Mohammedan disaffection. It is, therefore, scarcely credible that the astute Yakob has applied for Russian assistance. If it is his fate to be conquered, he may as well receive the *coup de grace* at the hands of the Chinese as from the Russians. It is quite possible that the reverse which is said to have befallen his arms was not of the importance attributed to it. The capture of Manas and slaughter of its inhabitants do not count for much, the two being of comparative insignificance. On the other hand, it may not be denied that the Chinese have a facility for reconquering revolted provinces by deluging them with troops. They go very slowly to work, it is true. Yunnan was not subdued, it will be remembered, until the rebel Mohammedans had time to firmly establish their power. The expedition against Kashgar has also been some years in preparation. But when the time comes for striking a decisive blow, the Chinese troops move forward like a flight of locusts, destroying everything they come across. They may lose thousands and tens of thousands; they may be out-manoeuvred at every point; but in the end the ponderous military machine grinds slowly over the surface of the doomed country, and a desert is recovered to the Celestial Empire in place of the prosperous province it originally lost.

THE HEALTH OF THE CHINA FLEET.

The Report on the Health of the Squadron on the China Station during the year 1876 has just been published. The squadron comprised twenty-two vessels, viz., one iron-clad, three sixth-rate, one ship, twelve gun-vessels, one surveying vessel, one despatch vessel, two gunboats, and one receiving-ship permanently stationed at Hongkong. There was also a marine detachment for some portion of the time in Japan. The returns from twenty of these vessels were for the whole twelve months; and from the marine detachment for five months. The mean force corrected for time was 2,900, and the number of cases of disease and injury entered on the list 4,505, which is in the ratio of 155.7 per 1,000, being an increase compared with 130.0, preceding year equal to 45.9 per 1,000. Of these, 128 were invalided, and 30 proved fatal, the former being in the ratio of 44.1, and the latter of 10.8 per 1,000. Compared with the previous year, there was an increase in the invaliding rate to the extent of 12.8 per 1,000, but a reduction in the ratio of mortality equal to 2 per 1,000. There were 294 cases of simple continued fever, ague, and remittent fever. A single case of small-pox occurred in the Audacious, and 1 of modified small-pox in the Growler. During the previous year, a severe epidemic had prevailed at Yedo and at Yokohama towards the end of the year. On the 16th January, 1876, the first case presented itself in the Marine Battalion; but only 5 cases occurred, and the medical officer has no doubt that the officers and men owed their comparative immunity to their having been well vaccinated. There were 3 cases in the Midge, and 2 in the Thalia. The medical officer of the latter vessel, in referring to the severity of the epidemic in the Japanese capital, says the Japanese authorities have not yet taken measures for isolating the cases as they appear. Vaccination is practised extensively; but it is not compulsory. The Government is, however, alive to its importance, as a means of protection, and encourages the native doctors in employing it. A case of dengue is recorded in the returns of the Frolic. Two cases of enteric fever occurred in the Audacious, the Fly, the Modeste, the Thistle, and the Victor Emmanuel. Of simple continued fever there were 208 cases, the largest number being in the Audacious, the Fly, the Modeste, the Thistle, and the Victor Emmanuel. The large number of 43 cases of febricula occurred in the Modeste at Hongkong, during the re-fitting of the ship there, and were caused (says the medical officer) by the exposure of the crew to the sun, and by hard work in the high temperature during the process of re-fitting, by order of the Commander-in-Chief. The work was arduous, and although constant care was taken by the captain of the ship not to expose the men aloft after 9 a.m., whilst abundant use was made of the awnings, both on board ship and in the boats, yet the exposure going to and from the dockyard, in the dockyard itself (a most unsheltered spot), and then again to and from the Princess Charlotte—all this moving about in the heat of the day was sufficient to cause a number of men to succumb. Eight of these cases may be attributed to drill aloft in the sun, on the 26th of October, in the forenoon, when the sun, whose power had been mild for the preceding fortnight, suddenly blazed out, and caused a return of hot weather for a few days. There are 51 cases of ague and 35 of remittent fever in the returns, of which one case of ague and one of remittent fever were invalided, and one of remittent fever proved fatal. The Dwarf, the Hornet, and the Thistle were the vessels in which the largest number of cases of these fevers occurred. The medical officer of the Hornet says:—"There is no doubt that the immediate cause of malarious fevers is the absorption through the human body, particularly the lungs, of ground emanations, and it is most common in countries which abound in vegetation, and in districts which are surrounded by marsh lands. In the island of Formosa malarial fever of all types is common, and most of the cases which occurred on board I think originated there. The island in most parts is covered with dense vegetation, and a great amount of rain falls during the year." Two fatal cases of cholera occurred on board the Fly, while the ship was at anchor at Singapore in June. There were 201 cases of rheumatism, a reduction compared with the preceding year equal to 11.5 per 1,000. There was also a reduction in the invaliding rate, as compared with the previous year,

to the extent of 1.6 per 1,000. The ships showing the largest number of cases were the Audacious and Charlydis. There were 904 cases of disease arising from immobility, a reduction compared with the previous year. Fifteen cases of sunstroke occurred in the squadron, of which 2 were fatal, 1 being in the Audacious, and 1 in the Swinger. There was a fatal case of tetanus on board the Victor Emmanuel. Thirty-nine cases of various forms of disease of the circulatory system, three of which were fatal, and 64 cases of various forms of disease of the absorbent system, are reported. There were 354 cases of various forms of disease of the respiratory system, of which 4 were invalided, and 2 proved fatal. Of diseases of the digestive system 868 cases appear, of which 32 were invalided, and 4 proved fatal. Three of the latter were cases of dysentery. There were 893 cases of various forms of disease of the urinary system, &c., 18 cases of disease of the joints and appendages; and 930 cases of various forms of disease of the cellular tissue and cutaneous system. Eighty-two cases of debility are reported. Five cases of delirium tremens appear in the returns, of which 1 proved fatal. In 4 of the cases the subjects were officers; the fifth was an engine-room artificer. Death occurred in the case of 1 of the officers. Two cases of lead poisoning occurred in the Mosquito. The medical officer says they arose in different men, at different times, from the same cause, viz., mixing and stirring paint (white lead) with their uncovered hands, and injuries of various kinds, of which 2 were invalided, and 3 proved fatal. There were also 4 cases of submersion and drowning, 5 deaths appear under this head. Of the fatal injuries, 1 was the result of fracture of the skull, sustained by falling down an ash shoot; and 2 were caused by fractures of the spine, in 1 case by falling overboard into a boat alongside, but how the other occurred is not stated. Of the 5 deaths from drowning, 1 was occasioned by the man falling overboard; 1 by the man falling over a pier. In 2 cases the cause of drowning is not stated; and in the death from drowning for which there is no corresponding case, the body of the man, who was found lying mouth downwards in the mud at Singapore. There was nothing to show how it had come there.

A STORY.

(Singapore.)

It is well to remember with gratitude the time when one first acquired wealth. There is no man who has not a pitiful heart for others; and at the present time it is most important that there should be many well-disposed persons. On the 15th of the present month there arrived at the K'ien-chow (Hall for the relief of the refugees) at Hankow, a gentleman from Ku-ai-chow Fu, who made a present of ten thousand taels. At first, when asked for his name, he wrote down *Wu Ming-shih* (Mr Nobody); but as the *wei-yuen* (the press) pressed him repeatedly to divulge it, he acknowledged that it was Yau Chao-lan. Formerly his family was very rich; but after the time of the T'ai-ping rebellion, it became poor. At King-seang (Hunan), indeed, he had been reduced to beggary. Once he was accused by a shopkeeper of being a thief; and this grievous insult to which he went and joined himself to a ferryman, giving up the life of a beggar altogether. Some time afterwards there was a fishing-boat passing backwards and forwards at the mouth of the river, on board of which were an old man and woman, with their daughter. These people looked at him and saw how diligent he was; they therefore gave him employment, and eventually he became their son-in-law. In three years the old lady died, and in five the husband followed her. When the old man lay a-dying, he clasped his son-in-law's hand, and said:—"I was formerly head steersman on a junk belonging to Hung Siu-tsun; and I know that the anchor, chain, and rudder were all of pure gold. When the rebel cause failed, and the rebels were beaten, I got possession of these, and covered them with black varnish; and for over ten years I have kept the secret close. I now beguine to make a good use of them." Yau accordingly carried them to his native village, and afterwards bought back all his patrimony. But it occurred to him that his wealth should not be spent entirely upon himself, but applied to the public benefit; so that great fortune could not be kept for one man alone. Now that there is so much distress in the North, he considered it his duty to assist the starving population; and he therefore gave up half his money to that object, in order that the anxiety of the authorities might be diminished, and that his debt of gratitude to his parents-in-law might be paid to the suffering poor. This information we have received from a traveller from Hupah.

BRIGANDAGE IN SOUTHERN ITALY.

A correspondent, writing from Florence, says:—"The *Statuto*, of Palermo, relates that last week there was a great movement of troops at the foot of the hills of the woods of Colobris, a place three miles from Filiccia, in the territory of Lercara. Their expedition resulted in nothing. Within forty-eight hours afterwards, when the country side seemed perfectly quiet, and the only people about appeared to be a party of six sportsmen taking lunch on the grass, at 11 a.m., close to some farm buildings known as the Masseria Caracci, which had been the scene of the reconnaissance of the troops just previously, an individual came towards the party from the direction of the farm. He sauntered up to them, and was observed to be dressed in a suit of black velvet, and wore big polished leather boots. He was armed with a handsome breech-loading gun; he seemed about forty years of age, tall, and well built. The sportsmen, as is the custom, offered him some lunch, which he politely declined, requesting instead the gift of a cigar, which one of them handed him. Having got his cigar, he politely saluted them and went on his way. After this unexpected visit, the sportsmen, who had been taking stock of their visitor, came to the conclusion that from the strong resemblance to a description lately given of Mr. Rossi's captor, he could be no other than the famous Leone in person. In the paper of the same date an account is given of the trial of some of the members of Leone's band, charged with the assassination of their captive Sall. The advocates for the defence did not present themselves at the trial. Nevertheless, the Court of Assizes proceeded with the case. One of the prisoners heaped insults on the President and the others commenced to harangue the

audience without paying the least attention to the repeated admonitions of the President. The end of it was that the prisoners were ordered to be removed, and the trial went on without their being present. The President took the precaution of having the guards doubled, and the Delegate of Public Security caused the arrest of several persons present, who had evidently come there with hostile intentions. The case finished on the 28th, and the Court, after a verdict of guilty had been found by the jury, condemned two of the accused, Pagano and Porazzo, to death, and a third, Sorci, to the galleys for life, because he was under twenty-one years old when he committed the offence laid to his charge. It is satisfactory to know that the verdict has created a good impression, though, if one can judge by past cases, the sentence may not be carried out. No doubt a cause which operates very much in favour of brigandage is the rarity of the punishment of death being executed, and if the procedure of the Italian tribunals were accelerated, so that the trial might follow within a few weeks of the prisoners being taken, instead of their remaining months and years before being brought to trial, the moral effect would be excellent. The President, in the trial above mentioned, has been greatly praised for the manner in which he acted in face of the Madia, which would have desired the postponement of the trial. Palermo has just been the scene of another audacious attempt at a capture. While Signor Bonadotto Macio, a dealer in produce, was going at half-past 5 a.m. to take his coffee, according to his usual custom, in the Via della Carrozza, a principal street of the suburb of Santa Lucia, he was accosted by two men, who told him to follow them. He resisted, and they threw a handful of snuff in his face. Five other men then set upon him with the intention of carrying him off in a cart, but he cried out and resisted to the utmost. His son heard the outcry, and coming out from a balcony fired off a gun, at which the malefactors got upon two carts and took to flight, leaving their victim much hurt about the face from blows received in the struggle. No less interesting are the particulars of the capture of Signor Pasquale Severino at Castelmirino, in Sicily. This gentleman was visiting a property of his in the country, and at dusk ordered his farm servant to prepare some food for him, as he intended to stay the night there. At 8 p.m. a knocking was heard at the door, and the man having peered out of the loophole in the door, returned to his master, saying that the strangers wanted him. Signor Severino, armed with a breech-loader and a revolver, approached the door and opened it, when four individuals, dressed as carabinieri, presented themselves. "Have you a permit to carry arms?" they inquired of him. To which he answered, "You know I have always had mine properly made out." They then asked to see his permit, and under pretence of seeing that his revolver was the required length took it, and then Signor Severino, who got furious at being captured in this way, having told them that they should carry him off by main force, as he would not walk. His friends are very much afraid they will not see him again, and fear lest on account of his obstinacy and rage the brigands may kill him, as they dragged him off, bound, by main force.

We are told by another telegram from Palermo that another captive has been set free, after a conflict between the soldiers and brigands, at Roccamare, near Corleone. Signor Signorilli seems to have escaped in the darkness during the fight; but two soldiers of the Bersagliere were killed, and a corporal of Carabinieri was wounded. The brigands seem to have effected their escape. The efforts made to root out the brigands in Calabria have been successful, for at Potenza several persons who had been seized with a view to ransom have been set free. A brigand named Pietro d'Angreppo has surrendered himself to the police at Marsiconuovo.

FASHION ITEM.

The Lieutenant of Marines attends one of General Grant's levees and writes thus instructively of it. It will interest the lady readers of the *Gazette*.—At General Grant's reception, the other night, the most fashionably-dressed lady was Mrs. G. C. She wore a pink satin dress, plain in front, but with a good deal of ruche in it—to the train, I mean; it was said to be two or three yards long. One could see it creeping along the floor some little time after the woman was gone. Mrs. C. also wore a white bodice, cut bias, with Pompadour sleeves, flounced with ruche; low neck, with white kid gloves. She had on a pearl necklace, which glittered lovely, high up the midst of that barren waste of neck and shoulders. Her hair was frizzled into a tangled chapparel, forward of her ears; aft it was drawn together, and completely bound and plaited into a stump like a pony's tail, and furthermore was panted upward at a sharp angle, and ingeniously supported by a red velvet crupper, whose forward extremity was made fast with a half-hitch around a hair-pin on the top of her head. Her whole top hamper was neat and becoming. She had a beautiful complexion when she first came, but it faded off by degrees in a most unaccountable way. However, it is not lost for good. I found the most of it on my shoulder afterwards. (I had been standing near the door when she had been squeezing out with the throng). There were other fashionable ladies present, of course, but I only took notes of one as a specimen. The subject is one of great interest to ladies, and I would gladly enlarge upon it were I able to do it justice.—*Mark Twain*.

A CONNUBIAL CONTROVERSY.

The bolt on the back door had needed replacing for a long time, but it was only the other night that Mr. Trocton had the presence of mind to buy a new one and take it home. After supper he hunted up his tools, removed the old bolt, and measured the location for the new one. He must have some new holes, and Mrs. Trocton heard him roaming around the kitchen and woodshed, slamming doors, pulling out drawers, and kicking the furniture around. She went to the head of the stairs and called down, "Richard, do you want anything?" "Yes, I do," he yelled out. "I want to know where in Texas that corkscrow is?" "Corkscrow, Richard?" "Yes, corkscrow, Richard! I've looked the house over and can't find it." "Why, we never had one, Richard?" "Didn't, eh? We've had a

dozen of 'em in the last two years, and I bought one not four weeks ago. It's always the way when I want anything." "But you must be out of your head, husband," she said, as she descended the stairs. "We've kept house seven years, and I never remember of seeing you bring a corkscrow home." "Oh, yes, I'm out of my head, I am," he grumbled, as he pulled out the sewing-machine drawer and better go to the lunatic asylum right away." "Well, Richard, I know that I have never seen a corkscrow in this house." "Then you are as blind as an owl in daylight, for I've bought five or six! The house is always upside down, anyhow, and I never can find anything!" "The house is kept as well as any one of your folks can keep one!" she retorted, growing red in the face. "I'd like my mother here to show you a few things," he said, as he stretched his neck to look on the high shelf in the pantry. "Perhaps she'd hold her spectacles with the potatoes again!" answered the wife. "Do you know who you are talking to?" he yelled, as he jumped down. "Yes, I do!" "Well, you'll be going for York State, if you don't look out!" "I'd like to see myself! When I go this house goes!" "Look out, Richard!" "I'm afraid of no man that lives, Richard Trocton!" "I'll leave you!" "And I'll laugh to see you go!" "Going close up to her he extended his finger, shook it to emphasize his words, and slowly said:—"Nancy Trocton, I'll apply for a divorce to-morrow! I'll tell the judge that I kindly and lovingly asked you where the gimlet was, and you said we'd never had one in the house, which is a bold falsehood, as I can prove." "Gimlet!" she gasped. "Yes, gimlet!" "Why, I know where there are three or four. You said corkscrow!" "Did I?" he gasped, sitting down on the corner of the table; "well, now, I believe I did!" "And you went and abused me like a slave because I wouldn't say a gimlet was a corkscrow?" she sobbed, falling on the lounge. "Nancy," he said, tenderly lifting her up. "Oh, Richard!" she chokingly answered. "Nancy, I'll go right out doors and kill myself!" "No, you needn't, I love you still only, only you know a gimlet is not a corkscrow!" "I said so, and Nancy forgave me and let me be happy!" And that household is so quietly happy that a canary bird would sing its head off if hung up in the hall.—*Detroit Free Press*.

WANTED, A FARM.

A Detroit real estate agent was waited on yesterday by a tall man with a weed on his hat, who said he had the cash to pay for a farm provided he could get one to suit. The agent smiled him to a seat, and brought out his register of descriptions. He had several farms registered on his books, and he had no doubt that he could suit the would-be purchaser. The stranger remarked:—"What I want is a farm of about 800 acres." "I've got it," replied the dealer. "I'd like about six big hills upon it." "Here she is—here's a farm with a lake exactly in the centre." "And I want a big natural cavern in one of the hills." "Here you are. There's a cave on this farm which can't be beat." The stranger drew a long breath, and went on:—"I want a farm of 300 acres, but 100 acres must be marsh land." "Here she is," was the ready reply; "just 200 acres in the farm, and just 100 in marsh land." "I must have a waterfall 26ft. high on the farm," continued the stranger. "Here you are. This farm has a natural waterfall of 25ft. and 11in. I don't suppose an inch more or less, on a waterfall amounts to much." "Well, no; but I want a windmill on one of the hills." "That was put up last year," was the calm reply. "It was some time before the stranger thought of anything else, but finally said:—"There must be a Baptist church right across the road from the house." "One built there last summer, sir." "It must be a brick church." "So it is." "Has it an organ?" "It has." "Then, I can't buy the farm of you," said the stranger, rising to go. "If there is anything I hate, it is a church organ, and you can see for yourself that I would be in a state of continual misery. The farm suits me first-rate, but I can't go to that organ." Just what estimate those two men placed upon each other's veracity as they separated will never be known.—*Detroit Free Press*.

A FAMILY SCENE.

A family of some pretensions, living on Nelson-street, had a party of five to tea, Thursday evening. The table was set out in fine style, as the company were from the city, and it was absolutely necessary to show them that folks may live in a village like Danbury, and yet understand the requirements of good society. When they were all at the table, and the lady was preparing to dish up the tea, her little son, whose face shone like the knees of a country clergyman's pants, pulled her secretly by the dress. But she was too busy to notice. He pulled her again, but receiving no response, he whispered:—"Ma, ma?" "What is it?" "Ain't this one of Miss Perry's knives?" holding up the article in his hand and looking, as he properly should, very much gratified by such an evidence of his discernment. She made no reply in words, but she gave him a look that was calculated to annihilate him. The tea was dished out, and the party were butting their biscuits, when the youth suddenly whispered again, looking at his plate with a piteous expression. "Why, ma, my plate is different from the others!" "Thomas," she ejaculated, under her breath. "Why, it is," pursued the Thomas. "Now, just see here. This plate belongs to Thomas!" again ejaculated his mother, with crimsoned face while his father assumed a frown nearly an inch thick. "If you don't let your vintals stop your mouth I'll send you away from the table!" This quieted Thomas at once. He was not a very particular boy, and he concluded that the difference in the plates was not of such moment as to admit of tedious argument at the time. Several minutes passed without any further interruption. The young man industriously attended to his food, but at the same time kept a close eye on what was going on around him. He was lifting up his cup to a sip when his glance unfortunately fell upon his father's. It was but a glance, but with the keenness of a young eye he saw that the two were not originally designed for each other. "Why, ma," he eagerly whispered, "this cup don't belong to me!" Then he suddenly stopped. The expression of his mother's face actually rendered him speechless, and for a moment he applied himself to his meal in depressed silence; but he was young and of an elastic temper, and he soon recovered his beaming expression. A little later he observed a

Quotations.

Hongkong, Feb. 2, 1877.

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BAROMETER.—9 A.M. ... 30.200
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.104
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.100
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Do. 4 P.M. ... 62 1/2
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Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

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DEPARTURES.

June 9, Aurora, from Richmond, U. S. to Hongkong.
Sept. 16, Sarah Nicholson, from London to Hongkong.
Sept. 16, Western Belle, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hongkong.
Sept. 18, A. T. Stalknecht, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Sept. 23, Agnes Muir, from London to Shanghai.
Oct. 3, Balls of Oregon, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Oct. 8, Wega, from Hamburg to Choeoo.
Oct. 8, Glamorganshire, from London to Hongkong.
Oct. 13, Umbra, from London to Shanghai.
Oct. 14, Sir Harry Parkes, from London to Hongkong.
Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong.
Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to Shanghai.
Nov. 21, Amaria, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.
Nov. 28, Madras, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 4, Benslutha, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 14, Cyphrenes (str.), from London to Shanghai.
Dec. 15, Atrocious (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.
Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Dec. 17, Carrieks, from London to Hongkong.
Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
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Dec. 20, Chissman, from London to Hongkong.

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Exchange, Cash.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, . . . lb.	450	400
" " " " "	300	280
" " " " "	160	140
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, . . . cy.	160	160
Beef Corned, . . . catty	150	140
" " " " "	150	140
" " " " "	90	80
" " " " "	150	140
Bullocks' Brains, . . . per set	60	50
" " " " "	275	250
" " " " "	320	300
" " " " "	600	500
" " " " "	150	140
" " " " "	50	40
" " " " "	60	50
" " " " "	100	90
" " " " "	80	70
" " " " "	50	40
" " " " "	300	280
" " " " "	300	280
" " " " "	180	170
" " " " "	360	340
" " " " "	170	160
" " " " "	170	160
" " " " "	140	120
" " " " "	120	110
" " " " "	60	50
" " " " "	80	70
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" " " " "	80	70
" " " " "	100	90
" " " " "	110	100
" " " " "	180	160
" " " " "	120	110
" " " " "	250	230
" " " " "	50	40
" " " " "	80	70
" " " " "	1750	1600
" " " " "	140	120

Poultry.

Capon, . . . catty	180	160
Ducks, . . . "	110	100
Deer, Shanghai, . . . each	\$2.00	\$1.75
Eggs, Hen, . . . doz.	100	—
" " " " "	100	—
" " " " "	120	—
" " " " "	160	150
" " " " "	120	110
" " " " "	250	230
" " " " "	250	230
" " " " "	\$2.00	—
" " " " "	600	—
" " " " "	140	120
" " " " "	60	50
" " " " "	110	100
" " " " "	600	500
" " " " "	180	140
" " " " "	600	550
" " " " "	450	400
" " " " "	350	300
" " " " "	700	—
" " " " "	500	—

Fish.

Bombay Ducks, new per hundred	350	300
Bream, . . . catty	100	90
Carp, . . . "	80	70
Codfish, Salt, . . . "	200	—
Crabs, . . . "	140	100
Cuttle Fish, . . . "	90	80
Dace, . . . "	100	90
Kale, Conger, . . . "	50	40
File Fish, . . . "	60	50
Fresh Fish, Large, . . . "	130	120
" " Small, . . . "	90	80
Frog, . . . "	140	100
Garoupe, . . . "	140	130
Haddock, . . . "	100	80
Herrings, . . . "	70	60
" " smoked, . . . box	\$1.00	—
Live Fish, . . . catty	150	140
Lobster, . . . "	60	50
Mackerel, . . . "	60	50
Oysters, . . . "	130	120
Parrot Fish, . . . "	140	130
Perch, . . . "	70	60
Pomfret, . . . "	100	90
Prawn, . . . "	100	90
Ray, . . . "	100	90
Roach, . . . "	140	130
Rock Fish, . . . "	140	130
Salmon, Canton, . . . "	100	80
" " Saltwater, . . . "	140	—
" " Pickled, . . . tin	300	—
Salt Fish, . . . catty	120	100
Shark, young, . . . "	80	70
Shrimps, . . . "	80	70
Skate, . . . "	60	50
Snappers, . . . "	110	100
Snake Fish, . . . "	70	60
Soles, Fresh, . . . "	60	50
Tench, . . . "	80	70
Turbot, . . . "	100	90
Turtles, Small, . . . "	320	300

Vegetables.

Asparagus, . . . , tin	450	400
Bamboo Shoots, . . . catty	100	80
Beans, sprout, . . . , "	14	12
" Broid, . . . , "	40	30
" French from Macao, . . . , "	50	40
Beet Root, . . . each	12	10
Brassica, . . . catty	12	10
Cabbage, White Canton, . . . "	12	10
" Common, . . . , "	8	
" Hongkong, . . . each	70	30
" Macao, . . . "	70	30
" Turnip, Red, each	12	10